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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **EP-4**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

REFUND OF THE GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES FISCAL YEAR 2004-05

**ATHENS-WOODCREST-OLIVITA, BELVEDERE, FIRESTONE, MESA HEIGHTS, AND
WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 2
4 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works to refund the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fees to those property owners in the above-referenced Garbage Disposal Districts (Districts) who utilized dumpster services during the entire fiscal year, and submit a refund application to the Director of Public Works not later than January 31, 2006, unless otherwise extended by the Director of Public Works, under special circumstances on a case-by-case basis.
2. The amount of refund is estimated as follows:
 - \$370,000 (GA1 Fund) for the Athens-Woodcrest-Olivita District
 - \$610,000 (GA2 Fund) for the Belvedere District
 - \$310,000 (GA4 Fund) for the Firestone District
 - \$78,000 (GA6 Fund) for the Mesa Heights District
 - \$47,000 (GA7 Fund) for the Walnut Park District

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The proposed recommendation provides for the continuation of the Service Fees Refund Program for Fiscal Year 2004-05. In previous years, your Board authorized Public Works to refund Service Fees to those customers in the Districts who subscribed to dumpster services during the entire Fiscal Year in lieu of utilizing waste receptacles provided by the Districts' contract waste haulers.

Currently, the Districts' contracts contain provisions for weekly refuse collection, in unlimited quantities, and the handling of recyclables and green waste material. The contracts for Fiscal Year 2004-05 did not include any provisions for collecting waste placed in dumpsters at multi-family residences and/or businesses within the Districts. The owners of these properties are charged an annual Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fee on their property tax bill in addition to incurring charges from their private hauler for dumpster services. Therefore, it is recommended that the Service Fees Refund Program for these Districts be continued for Fiscal Year 2004-05.

Upon your Board's approval, all identified and eligible property owners within the Districts will be notified of the Service Fees Refund Program for Fiscal Year 2004-05 by U.S. Mail.

Implementation of County Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility. The Service Fees Refund Program will refund only to those qualified property owners within the Districts who are assessed an annual Garbage Collection and Disposal Service Fee on their property tax bill in addition to incurring charges by their subscription for dumpster services during Fiscal Year 2004-05.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The number of parcels which utilized dumpster services in each of the five Districts during Fiscal Year 2004-05 are as follows:

District	<u>Number of Parcels Utilizing Dumpster Services</u>
Athens	600
Belvedere	2,104
Firestone	885
Mesa Heights	224
Walnut Park	150

Sufficient funding is available in each District's Fund to provide for the refunds. There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

County Counsel concurs with the above recommendation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended Board action will have no impact on the Districts' waste collection services provided to the customers.

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CONCLUSION

It is requested that two adopted copies of this letter be returned to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Auditor Controller
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